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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

vehicle telematics radio operable for providing and disabling driving directions to pre-selected destinations includes a receiver, memory, a processor, and an interface. The memory stores the location of at least one pre-selected destination. The interface receives a request from a vehicle operator for the driving directions to a desired pre-selected destination. The receiver receives a position signal indicative of the current location of the vehicle. The processor determines the driving directions from the current location of the vehicle to the pre-selected destination based on the position signal and map information. The interface then provides the operator with the driving directions to the desired pre-selected destination. In special situations such as when either the vehicle or telematics radio is stolen or missing, the telematics radio may be disabled from providing driving directions in response to receiving a deactivation signal.